

Life Group Discussion Guide

August 18 – 2 Corinthians 1 – The God of All Comfort

Icebreaker:

Provide an example of online searching (some people, especially the under 30 crowd, might call it online stalking) you have done to discover specific information about a person or business.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Ask someone to read **2 Corinthians 1** aloud.
- 2. Take a minute to think of a time when you <u>inaccurately</u> questioned someone else's integrity or credibility, OR a time when your own integrity or credibility was <u>inaccurately</u> questioned. Use caution to speak kindly of others as we share:
 - a. What was the circumstance?
 - b. What were the emotions that surfaced?
 - c. What did they (or you) do, if anything, to restore credibility?
 - d. Was comfort needed?
 - e. Was there reconciliation / amends made?
- 3. As Randy mentioned in the sermon, all Christians are in ministry. Ministry is about serving others as Jesus served. It is about delivering God's message of salvation, love, comfort, grace, forgiveness, etc. through Jesus.
 - a. What do you think is the likelihood that ministry will lead to trouble and suffering (high, medium, low likelihood?) and why?
- 4. Which **relationship risks** (trouble and suffering) did Paul encounter? (If needed, read 2 Cor 1:8-9, 12, 17; 2 Cor 2:17-18, 2 Cor 6:3-12)
 - a. What **relationships risks** has your ministry has encountered?
- 5. If the church is a group of people trying to live out God's culture, why is there ever **tension** in the church (like Paul seemed to be experiencing with the Corinthians)?

- 6. How do you create a mindset that allows you to move forward with your ministry **in spite of relationship risks and potential tension**? And what might that look like? (*Group leader: Use sermon points 1-4 as starting point for discussion but doesn't have to be limited to this.*)
- 7. What creates Christian credibility, and healing when needed, in relationships? (Group leader: Use sermon point 5 as a starting point)
- 8. How has Jesus comforted you during relationship trouble? (Does anyone have specific experiences they are willing to share? No pressure here. And group leaders...please guide the focus to be how Jesus provided comfort, not about the details of the relationship trouble.)
- 9. What are some things in your life to which Jesus has said, "Yes!"

Action / Application:

(To group leader: recommendation is to have people write down their actions rather than discuss)

- Think of someone you know who needs comfort... What can you do to help enable comfort so Jesus is seen?
- Do you need to be comforted? If comfortable, share with your life group during prayer time. If not comfortable sharing the details, then consider asking for prayers without sharing the details.
- What actions can you take this week to help heal relationships you know need healing?

What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus:

- **Shepherding Elder Ordination:** September 8, 4:00 5:00 PM at the Overland Park Campus.
- **Sword Ceremony:** September 15. First Graders receive a Bible!
- Night of Prayer Armor of God: September 23, 6:30 7:30 PM at every campus.
- Legacy's Annual Banquet: November 17 at 5:00 PM.

Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

KU Campus Christians – For more info, contact Jill Inman at kjinman@sbcglobal.net.

• Provide and serve a meal to KU Students on Monday nights. Great opportunity for a Life Group service project! Sign up here: <u>KUCC Meal Sign-Up for 2024-2025</u>

International Students, Inc. – For more info, contact Lindsay Blanchard at lindsayiblanchard@gmail.com.

• Home Goods Giveaway to bless international students and scholars relocating to the KC area. Accepting donations of new or gently used small appliances, kitchenware, linens, and furniture.